

Dayan to see Palestinians on his plan for autonomy

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (LAT) — Moshe Dayan says he is going to continue quiet meetings with Palestinian leaders on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and in the Gaza Strip to see if his plan for unilaterally granting the area autonomy is acceptable to them.

It proved unacceptable last week to the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, which voted on his plan 53-39 because of the opposition of Prime Minister Menachem Begin. But Dayan will not push for adoption of his plan in the near future, he is not going to give it up, either.

The former foreign minister, who has some of the best contacts with Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza, proposed to the Knesset last week that Israel withdraw its military government from the occupied areas and allow the residents to run their own affairs.

Begin came out against the plan because he said it would conflict with the Camp David accords. The accords provide for negotiations to reach agreement on an autonomy plan by Israel and Egypt, to be implemented with the aid of Jordan and an elected Council of Palestinians.

The autonomy plan bogged down in disagreement between Israel and Egypt, and Jordan and the Palestinians have refused to take part. Dayan said that in his previous talks with Palestinian leaders he got the impression that they would be willing to accept his plan.

Dayan resigned as foreign minister in November 1979 in part because he was not being given a key role to play in the autonomy talks. He said in offering his own proposal that talks between Israel and Egypt, with U.S. participation, "had run into a blind alley

because of the way they were conducted and the people who conducted them."

Dayan, 65 has long favored simply withdrawing much of the Israeli presence from the occupied areas to let the Arabs run their own police, education, health services, and other aspects of self-government. His formal plan calls for Israel to continue to maintain security forces in the areas and to retain the right to return the military government "in cases where Israel finds this vitally necessary."

But, said Begin, it would be a "negative precedent" for Israel to take any steps deviating from the Camp David agreements. Most of his Likud coalition voted against the Dayan plan. The opposition Labor Party voted for the plan, but, leaders said, just to bring it up for discussion. Dayan left the Labor Party to join Likud in 1977 and is now an independent.

"I don't expect Begin or Labor to adopt it," Dayan said of his plan. "I'm going to go on meeting with the Arabs to find out what proposals could work. I want to make sure it is acceptable."

He did not say who the Palestinians were with whom he would discuss the plan — (it would be dangerous for them, he thought, because of violent anti-Israeli feelings among the population) — and he did not say what route he hoped to follow next. There has been talk of Dayan and former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman forming a new party for the next election, in November, but nothing has been done to set up such a faction. Such a party might be in a position to push the Dayan proposal.

Israeli minister threatens to quit over labor dispute

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz has threatened to bring down Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government over a labor dispute with teachers. Hurvitz told reporters Tuesday the ailing economy could not bear the teachers' wage demands averaging 50 per cent. The salary increases would spark a chain reaction of demands by other workers, he said.

"If it is a choice between the party and the economy, when it comes to the crunch I choose the economy," he said. Hurvitz was ordered at last Sunday's cabinet meeting to work out an agreement with Education Minister Zvulun Hammer to bring to the next week cabinet session. But Hurvitz said the talks were "in difficulty."

Hurvitz has threatened to quit several times since becoming finance minister 13 months ago, and the targets are not taken as seriously as they once were. The latest instance was two weeks ago in a dispute over next year's defense budget.

Hurvitz heads the three-man Rafi faction in Begin's coalition, which controls 60 of parliament's 120 seats. The government's survival now depends on the support of several independents, but a walkout by Rafi would almost certainly topple the government. Last month, it narrowly survived a no-confidence motion by a mere three votes.

Assad decorates Shakaa

DAMASCUS, Dec. 31 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad Tuesday presented a medal to Bassam Al-Shakaa, mayor of the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Nablus. Shakaa, who lost both legs in a car bomb explosion in June, was awarded the National Omayyad Order.

"This decoration is awarded to those who perform great acts and your struggle is one of the greatest acts," President Assad told him. He reiterated Syria's support for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Shakaa arrived in Damascus Monday for a visit at Assad's invitation.

9 Brotherhood men killed

DAMASCUS, Dec. 31 (R) — Syrian security forces killed a member of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood Organization Tuesday when they stormed a Brotherhood hideout in Homs, in Central Syria, an official source said. A quantity of weapons and ammunition were found. Eight members of the organization were reported killed during raids on their hideouts in Damascus Monday.

The Brotherhood, a fundamentalist group, has been blamed for the murder of a prominent Syrian political leader in Damascus Saturday and for a series of assassinations and bombings in the country.



VISIT: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein visiting a kindergarten in Baghdad last week. President Hussein was briefed on the educational and cultural methods used in the upbringing of the new generation.

Egypt blames Israel for stalled talks

CAIRO, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — Palestinian autonomy negotiations are slow-paced because of Israel's stubbornness. Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Tuesday. Ali was reacting to a statement by his Israeli counterpart, Yitzhak Shapir, who has blamed Egypt for the deadlock in the current round of negotiations.

The Egyptian minister noted that Israel had over the past 18 months failed to encourage the Palestinians to join the negotiations. Instead, Israel had fostered "an atmosphere of tension on Jordan's West Bank and in Gaza." Ali also said that the Israeli government has still not freed all Egyptian prisoners detained in Israel.

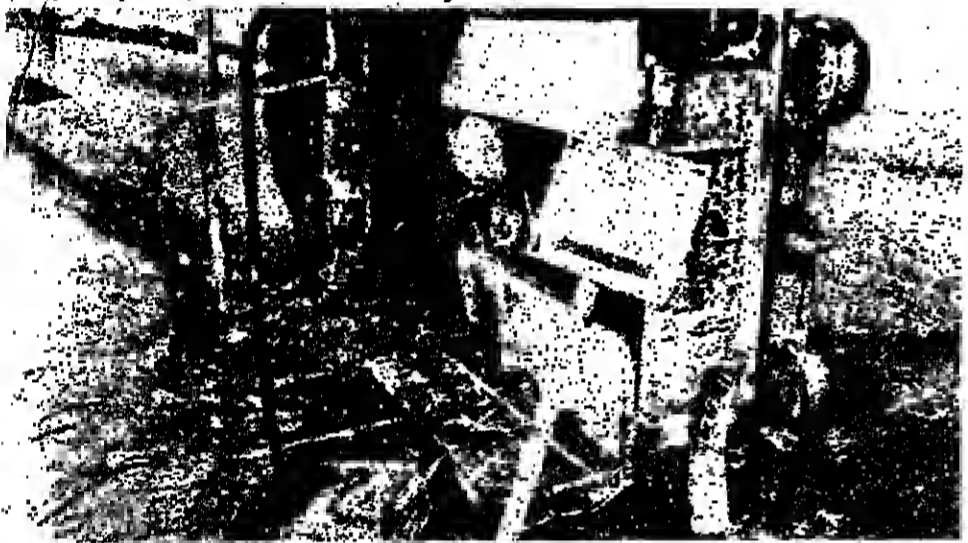
Meanwhile, former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, on a three-nation tour in the Middle East, met Tuesday with President Anwar Sadat to discuss the bogged-down talks and development in the region.

Libyan diplomat 'defects to Iraq'

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Libyan charge d'affaires here, Abdul Salam Ali Aila, has sought political asylum in an unnamed Arab country protesting Libyan Col. Qaddafi's support for Iran in the Gulf war with Iraq.

"Despot Qaddafi has persisted day after day to committing most hideous crimes against the Arab people and now he has become a big menace to the reputation of Libya," the envoy said in a statement issued here Tuesday.

Well-informed diplomatic sources said that Aila had sought asylum in Iraq. When contacted, an Iraqi embassy press spokesman said: "We would welcome Mr. Aila in our country."



DEMONSTRATION: A jeep belonging to the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon after it was burned and turned over last week outside the U.N. building where a group of 300 demonstrators from southern Lebanon stormed the building with axes and shovels breaking windows and burning cars. They were protesting the failure of the U.N. forces to prevent Israeli raids on South Lebanon.

Chad refugees in Cameroon still wary of returning home

KOUSSERI, Cameroon, Dec. 31 (AP) — Fighting in the Chad capital of N'Djamena, across the Chari River from Kousseri, came to an end two weeks ago, but hundreds of thousands of refugees here are still wary of going home.

A coalition of troops loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei, with Libyan support, drove rebel Defense Minister Hissene Habre and his forces from the half of the city they had held since March.

In the past 10 days, thousands of refugees have crossed the Chari in dugout canoes to check on their homes and salvage what they could of their belongings. Nearly all have returned here.

Until two years ago Kousseri, once an air force legion outpost called Fort Fourreau, was a sleepy little town of 10,000 and a gateway for European tourists going from N'Djamena to the game parks of northern Cameroon. Provincial officials and representatives of the international relief agencies estimate there are between 200,000 and 230,000 Chadian refugees here. At least 100,000 live in a camp run by the Cameroon government and the United Nations high commission for refugees on the outskirts of town.

A provincial official, who asked not to be named, said recently that the refugee influx had placed an enormous burden on local resources, even though the national government had provided funds to beef up the tiny police force and add additional administrative personnel.

Throughout the fighting that divided N'Djamena into two hostile camps, the border between the countries remained open. It was almost always possible to cross to the government-controlled section during the day on a make-shift ferry or to Habre's part

of town in canoes at night. It got dangerous only in the final weeks of the war, when troops in outboard-powered canoes started patrolling the river at night, firing on the dugouts going to the Habre's area.

The small "Relais du Logone," the town's only hotel, was a hotbed of intrigue during the fighting. Situated on the banks of the river, it was also a good place to watch unmarked aircraft, assumed to be Libyan, drop occasional bombs in an almost offhand fashion on N'Djamena.

A relief official said it was quite unusual for a camp to be located so close to the place from which its residents had taken refuge. He said it was even more unusual that movement in and out of the camp was completely unrestricted.

Young men, who fought on both sides, said they often crossed over to Kousseri to visit friends and family in the camp and take a few days rest.

However, the freedom of movement also led officials to strengthen security measures in the area, which is an important crossroad for overland trade between Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon. Some 800 Cameroon troops are presently stationed in the center of town.

Meanwhile in Khartoum, a Sudanese official said Tuesday that 8,000 Chadians had taken refuge in Sudan so far and predicted that the influx of refugees would continue.

Cabinet Affairs Minister Abu Baker Osman, speaking before the Sudanese parliament, said the government of President Jaafar Numeiri was seeking help from the United Nations and other international benevolent organizations to meet the growing demands of the Chadian refugees.

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Death toll said high in Salvador fighting

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Fighting between Salvadoran government forces and left-wing guerrillas increased in violence Tuesday night in the northern province of Chalatenango, sources said. But reports on the situation were confused. With more than 1,000 men involved on each side casualties were said to be heavy.

The guerrillas claimed to have advanced 30 kilometers and taken control of a small town 134 kilometers north of the capital and allegedly the ninth township to have fallen into rebel hands. However, the armed forces continued to insist that the whole northern region was under military control and the claims of the guerrillas were "pure propaganda."

The opposition Democratic Revolutionary Front said in a communique that its "final offensive" had still not started. It accused the ruling junta and the security forces of using the fighting in the north as a pretext for "the genocide of thousands of peasants in the region." The front also said that preparations were going ahead for a general strike. To be launched when "general insurrection" broke out.

One guerrilla group, the Armed Forces of National Resistance, also alleged that a section of the army was "preparing to join forces to the revolution" under Col. Adolfo Majano, a former member of the junta who was recently dismissed.

Ternovsky, Soviet dissident, jailed

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (AP) — Leonid Ternovsky, a radiologist active with two Moscow dissident groups, has been sentenced to three years in prison on charges of slandering the Soviet state, dissident sources said Wednesday.

The sources said the sentence, the maximum, was handed down Tuesday after a brief trial in Moscow city court.

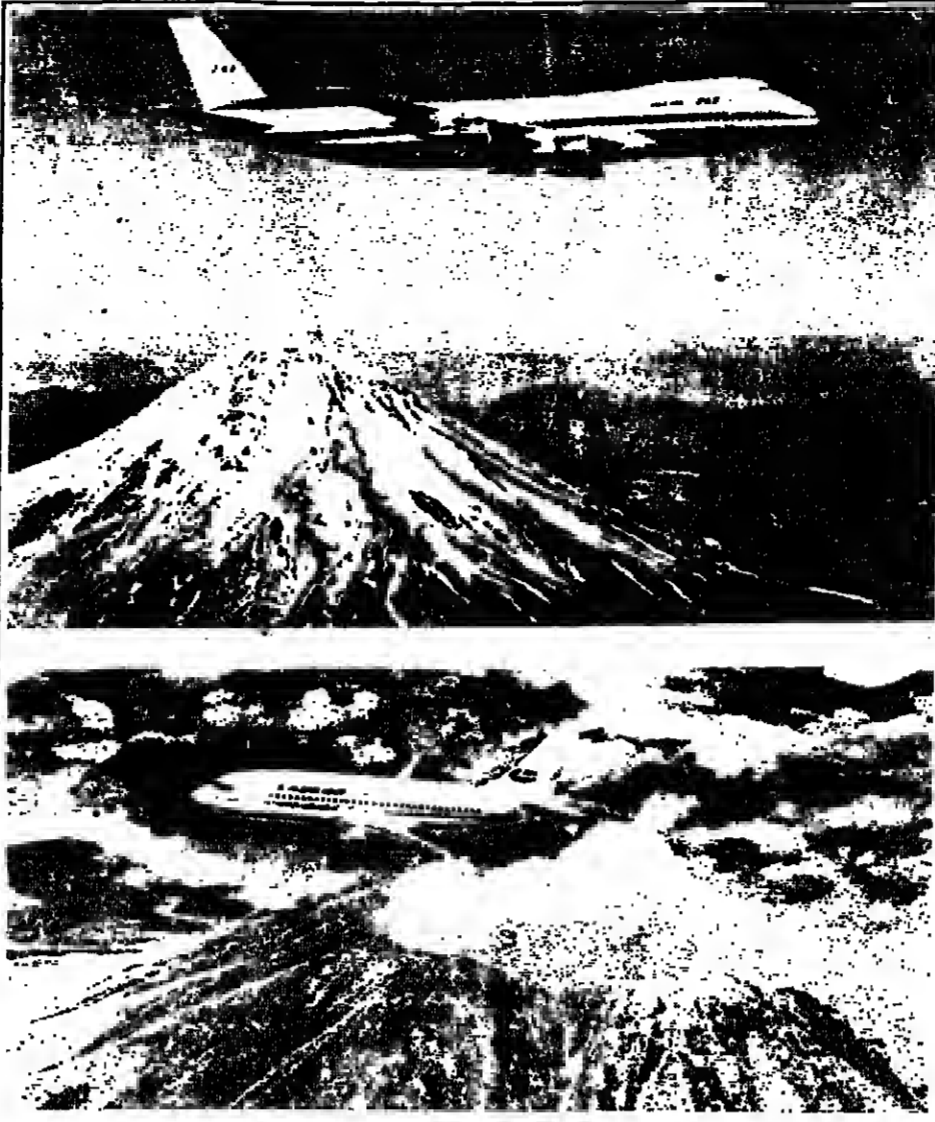
Ternovsky, 47 at the time of his arrest last

April, was accused of involvement in the publication of five information bulletins detailing the alleged use of psychiatric hospitals to confine dissidents. He is a member of a group that monitors the alleged abuse of psychiatry here. He has also been active with the Moscow "Helsinki" group organized to monitor Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki human rights agreements.

'Brainless' can be smart, study shows

LONDON, Dec. 31 (R) — People with virtually no brains can often be extremely intelligent, a British expert has said. Professor John Lorber, a university neurologist, told reporters that British and American specialists had found through brain scans that individuals with high intelligence can have brains a fraction of the size usually considered normal.

He cited the case of a university graduate with a first class degree in mathematics and an intelligence quotient (IQ) of 126, compared with the IQ base of 100. The mantle of the graduate's brain — or the cerebral cortex which is generally considered to be of great importance in intelligence activity — was only one millimeter thick compared with the normal 4.5 centimeter.



BEFORE AND AFTER: The awesome forces of nature are evident in these before and after photos of Mount St. Helens Volcano in southern Washington state. The upper picture shows the snow-covered slopes of what was then a 9,677-ft. peak. Some results of the 1980 eruption can be seen in the lower photo.

Millionaires express interest Times' time running out

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP) — Time was running out Wednesday for *The Times*, Britain's famous newspaper, whose owners set a New Year's eve deadline for bids to buy the loss-making daily.

If no bid is acceptable, *The Times*, its sister *Sunday Times* and three weekly magazines covering literature and other subjects will be closed next March.

A few millionaires expressed interest and so have *The Economist* weekly and Associated Newspapers Group Ltd., who own *The Daily Mail*, *The Daily Mail's* founder, Lord Northcliffe, who died in 1922, once owned *The Times*.

The traditionally tight-lipped *Times*, selling 290,000 copies a day, had nothing about the crisis in its 22 pages Wednesday, the 60,814th issue since 1785, and the board kept silent on what bids if any — it has received.

The Times said it will consider only bids from "suitable" buyers whom it judges capable of maintaining its reputation and editorial integrity.

The Times journalists say they also have laid down requirements for the new buyer. Their union leader Jake Eccleston said there must be no editorial interference and no layoffs, and the new proprietor must be accepted by the unions.

"We are crucially involved and it makes no sense at all for some person or some company to come along, with no matter how much money, and say 'I'll buy the *Times*,' if they don't have the confidence and the agreement of the people who actually produce it," Eccleston said.

"If they don't have that confidence and agreement, then we'll be back in the same problems of lack of confidence and trust between the workforce and the owners."

The publishing company, Times Newspapers Ltd., is part of the Toronto-based Thompson Organization, an international conglomerate.

Owner Lord Thompson, whose late father bought the daily in 1966, lost interest in keeping it after constant disputes between the management and printers about overmanning and introducing computerized technol-

ogy to cut staff and costs, led to multi-million pounds losses when the paper kept failing to appear. After the journalists struck over a day dispute this year, Thompson issued his ultimatum.

The Thompson poured \$165 million in the paper since 1966 and it is expected to lose \$35 million in 1980. *The Sunday Times* is profitable and so are the three weeklies.

Civil staff joins strike in Assam

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (AFP) — A large number of civil servants defied a government warning and joined the current general strike in Assam state as protests continued against alleged illegal immigrants from Nepal and Bangladesh, reports reaching here said.

An announcement in Gauhati, the Assam capital, was quoted as saying that there was no serious violence during the 34-hour strike which ended late Tuesday. The strike was in protest against alleged "police atrocities" against agitators and press censorship imposed recently over the 15-month-old protest against an estimated five million "illegal" immigrants.

Several rounds of talks between the federal government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the protesters recently have failed to reach a settlement.

It was the second general strike in Assam in less than two weeks. The last was staged all day Dec. 20. Tuesday's reports said that normal life was paralyzed throughout the state. Poor attendance was reported in government offices. In the state headquarters at Dispur, near Gauhati, only 500 of the 2,000 employees turned up for work. Vehicles were off the roads and shops and other commercial establishments closed. Railways and the domestic Indian Airlines, both state-run operated skeleton services during the entire strike period.

Earlier, official reports, however, said that the strike was not observed in certain areas, predominantly inhabited by minority Bengali-speaking and immigrant settlers.

But pampering goes on

Prices pinch Thai elephants

BANGKOK, Dec. 31 (AP) — Nothing escapes inflation these days, complains the old royal councillor, not even the king's white elephants. As sure as pachyderms love sugar cane, the cycle that starts with ministers around a conference table spirals down to the stables of the white elephants in a downtown Bangkok palace.

Not that anybody is thinking about abandoning the centuries-old tradition. White elephants are an ancient symbol of kingship in Southeast Asia and Thai monarchs have been keeping — and pampering — these elephants perhaps as far back as the 13th century.

King Bhumipol Adulyadej, the current Thai monarch, has 11 white elephants, who are actually not white but have certain albino characteristics. It is said that the more such elephants a king can acquire the greater and more prosperous will be his reign.

Sawet Dhonpradith, a royal councillor charged with protocol, says that each morning at 6 o'clock three of the elephant keepers travel to the outskirts of Bangkok to buy provisions. Five years ago, he says, each 50-kilogram bundle of grass cost the equivalent of 25 to 30 U.S. cents but now the price has soared to \$1.50 a bundle.

The elephants also consume vast quantities of sugar cane, bananas, water as well as elephant delicacies like sweet-sour pods of tamarind wrapped up in a ball with a globule of salt inside. Doctor's bills as well as salaries for the 12 people assigned to their care also adds to the cost for the royal household.

Sawet points out that in earlier days, when monarchy in Thailand was absolute, the king simply requisitioned food for his beasts. Even then, it is said, if a king wanted to bring ruin on an enemy he would present one of these resource-gobbling animals to him or her.

In the English language the expression "white elephant" is defined as "something

from which little profit or use is derived especially such a possession maintained at much expense." In Thailand that does not apply.

The Elephant Maintenance Act of 1921 specifies that all white elephants in Thailand belong to the king and killing one commands a five-year jail term. In turn, the king will present the finder and giver of a white elephant with a gold medal and money.

Before an elaborate initiation ceremony to give the elephant an elaborate name and royal title, an expert examines the animal to ensure it possesses the prescribed characteristics which include whitish eyes, a whitish or pinkish skin color and 20 nails (two more than the ordinary elephant).

One book on elephant lore also says the white variety must be "fragrant smelling and when asleep should not snore noisily but should emit the sounds of Thai classical musical instruments."

Once transferred to the Chitralada Palace in Bangkok, the elephants are taught basic behavior and special movements to be performed at royal ceremonies. They are washed daily, carefully examined for ailments and must be spoken to with respect by their keepers.

Sawet, who has spent 55 of his 74 years in the royal service, talks about the 11 elephants as if they were his children, pointing out the personalities of each. He is especially fond of Phra Sawet Adulyadejbahon, found in Thailand's jungles in 1950 and the ranking elephant of the current group.

The death of a white elephant is a sad, solemn event. The animal is wrapped in a white cloth and five Buddhist monks offer prayers and sprinkle it with holy water. In earlier times, the elephant was placed on a bamboo raft which was floated down Bangkok's Chao Phraya River to the sea. Today, the elephants are buried at the palace. Grass, bananas and sugar cane are buried with them to ease their journey to the next world.

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AWAITING RESCUE: A villager and his dog wait rescue atop a car when their house in a British Columbian village of Canada was flooded Sunday by heavy rains and melting snow.

Jeff Smith

Unspoiled by success

Sculptor brings message of peace in bronze

By a staff writer

JEDDAH — Visiting the Kingdom at present is an artist of global fame. He is Amarnath Sehgal, whose sculptures are prominently displayed in many modern museums and art galleries...

In an Arab News interview at the Hyatt Regency Hotel where he is staying, Sehgal mentioned that in May this year his work had gone on display in Dubai and was well received...

famous artists, has drawn him to Jeddah. An elegant, serene and soft-spoken man, Sehgal has not been spoiled by his success and fame...

From early years, Amarnath Sehgal was interested in sculpture but was inspired by his family not to "waste time." He said wryly, "Art was not considered a serious profession in those days...

During his stay in New York he was able to obtain a fellowship, which enabled him to attend school and obtain a degree in philosophy and education...

Although recognition came slowly and gradually, the world could not remain permanently indifferent to the artist or his bronze sculpture...

Sehgal uses a single medium, bronze, and calls it "a full and powerful medium requiring a lot of finance and long working hours."

Sehgal writes poems as a pastime but, like his sculpture, they are also reaching international fame and have been translated into several languages.

peace and understanding.

Sehgal feels that art should be a form of giving joy and love and not an expression of torture and hate...

A believer that understanding and solidar-

The world has not ignored his power of expression or his ideals either. Since 1964, he has received a number of honors and awards.

The latest is a tribute by the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture and Art which has recently sponsored a film giving a complete view of Sehgal's sculptures...



WITH SHEIKH RASHID: admiring a bronze entitled "Victor and Vanquished"

ity can be reached through art, he organized a UN-sponsored children's workshop last year. Children from different nationalities, many of them not knowing the other's language, participated in this program...

His belief in love and peace goes beyond any boundaries of color, creed or nationality.

Sehgal is not sure exactly when he will be able to display his sculptures in Jeddah. The exhibition is likely to be in a few months' time at the Hyatt Hotel.



VISITING ARTIST: Amarnath Sehgal guides a child at a UN-sponsored workshop program

Arab News Diary

JEDDAH

By Rana Siddiqi

Safeya Binzagr, our celebrated artist, is back in town after solo art exhibitions in London, Paris and Geneva. The artist was busy these past months travelling in connection with the exhibitions...

To inaugurate the new Paris-Manila route, Air France recently invited 130 guests from Paris, Jeddah, Dhahran and Riyadh to visit Manila. The guests were divided into two groups and given special handling and VIP treatment both on board and on ground...

offered. The guests from the Kingdom had the added advantage of being accompanied by one of Air France's public relations officers who arranged shipping trips, guided tours and transportation in Manila and other points of interest in the Philippines...

Dr. Ahmed Mohammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, held a reception at the IDB headquarters last Saturday in honor of the new Assistant Secretaries General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)...

The PLAJ monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 4, at 10.30 a.m. at the Meridien Hotel. The next meeting of the British Community Wives will be held Monday, January 12, at 4.30 p.m. at the British Ambassador's garden...

Al Khairiyah Women's Welfare Society on Mecca Road will celebrate "Saudi Day" Wednesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. The program, according to informed sources, includes a presentation of the Saudi wedding ceremony and other folklore...

Founded to help blacks

Business school offers cheap study

By Joseph D. Whitaker

WASHINGTON, (WP) — When Gonnet Manery left Liberia last November to attend college here, he expected to find a bustling university, with green rolling hills, modern buildings and hundreds of students...

But when he pulled up in front of the building in Northwest Washington, his dreams of Blackwell Business College vanished with the sight of two dilapidated row houses and a door hanging off its hinges. Once inside, he found that the room he had paid a year's rent for was what he described as a bedroom closet cluttered with trash. There was nothing left to do but cry.

"I had expected to see a campus like the picture on the front of the college catalog — the U.S. Capitol building — recalled the 28-year-old, who paid the school — \$1,080 for one year's tuition and room rent before he left Liberia.

Thirty years ago, Blackwell Business College was the business school in Washington for young black people. But when schools were desegregated in 1954, many of the blacks flocked to the previously all-white schools, which offered more prestige and better facilities...

Getting into Blackwell can cost a foreign student as little as 1 percent of what he would have to pay to get into one of the four big universities in Washington. Over the last 25 years, 5,000 students from half a dozen West American countries alone have attended the school and foreigners now make up virtually its entire student body.

The school offers diplomas in seven business career programs, including a six-month IBM keypunch course and a two-year real estate brokerage course. The current student body of fewer than two dozen students is taught by a five-member faculty, which includes an accountant, a retired statistician and Lloyd Fennell, director of the United Planning Organizations' neighborhood center no. 2, who teaches minority business and business principles as a volunteer. The

typical class meets five hours a week, and full-time students are expected to take at least five courses a quarter.

Blackwell College undertook a very noble task in that they educate our people when no other school would do it," said Traty Teh, research and information officer at the Liberian embassy here. "Now that there are a lot of schools blacks can choose from, a lot of our poorer students are attracted to Blackwell, not for the quality of its education, but because the school has a low tuition and is very liberal with I-20 forms."

"The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service felt in the past that the school was too liberal with those forms, which enable an alien to get a student visa. Ten years ago, it revoked the school's authority to issue the forms, which verify that a foreign student has been admitted to an American school. The



CAPITOL: picture misled students

INS said that the tiny college had not kept it informed of the whereabouts of students who were admitted to the school, but who later left.

The school appealed to the U.S. court of appeals here, and the court ordered the INS to restore its power to issue I-20 forms, saying the INS had failed to follow due process. The INS had left the school alone since then.

"When our consular officials abroad receive Blackwell's I-20 forms with a childishly scrawled signature, the officials sometimes question whether it is authentic," said Margaret Warren, INS liaison officer for foreign students. "But when we write a note and explain that (the school's president) is 93, the officials understand."

Ninety-three-year-old Suzanna Blackwell, wooden cane in hand, curly brown wig over her gray hair, still presides over the institution she founded 39 years ago.

She arrived in Washington in 1920, up from South Carolina to take a secretarial job with the federal government. Within a few years, she had earned a law degree and become a real estate broker — the first black woman in the city to earn her license, she says.

In 1941, using her own funds, Blackwell purchased two row houses and set up the college that bears her name. "My dream was to help black people get better education in business," she said, sitting in her dimly lit office, whose walls are dotted with her framed legal credentials.

Except for a small American flag that flutters from a second-story window, Blackwell college now looks from the outside as if it had been abandoned long ago. The college logo on a large front window — depicting two students in cap and gown — has faded with the years.

Inside, the school resembles a museum. The front office, where six of seven dust-covered desks sit unoccupied, is decorated with yellowed photographs that chronicle the school's history. One shows a three-man school basketball team — in another, Suzanna Blackwell is crowning a mini-skirted "Miss Business," the school's beauty queen.

One of the pictures shows six students, circa 1950, whom the Liberian government sent to the United States to be trained as court reporters. "The school that the students were sent here to attend turned them away because they were black," Blackwell said. "I invited the studentists to come to Blackwell and told them that we would teach them machine shorthand." Nine months later, the students returned home as fully trained stenographers. One of them, Walter Moore, was immediately appointed executive secretary to then Liberian president William V.S. Tubman, a position he held until the 1960s. Moore and the others spread the word about their alma mater, and Blackwell's reputation grew along the West coast of Africa.

It was through word-of-mouth that students like Manery and Seka Boni Vincent, the eldest of 19 children from a farm family in the Ivory Coast, found out about Blackwell. They were bitterly disappointed when they arrived in Washington, but they discovered that the school did have its advantages: it required students to put up as little as \$120 (and no more than \$854) before sending them an I-20 form. Howard University, for example, requires foreign students to pay roughly \$8,125, George Washington University requires \$11,000.

Suzanna Blackwell maintains that her catalog, which has been the same for nearly 20 years, is not misleading. "We decided to use a picture of the U.S. Capitol because we are located in Washington. It never occurred to us that anyone would assume that the picture represented our school. We've never tried to deceive anybody."

Last year, two Liberian students filed suit against the college in D.C. small claims court, to try to recover nearly \$2,000 they had paid in advance tuition. The court awarded William Greaves and Emmanuel M.S. Ambulu \$250 each, plus \$100 for attorney's fees. Greaves and Ambulu, who had both rented rooms at the school, contended in court that the school did not provide proper heat and hot water, that their personal mail was frequently opened, and that their teachers were unqualified.

Blackwell denied the claims, arguing in court that the students had become angry with her because she refused to allow them to cook in their rooms.

For every disgruntled student, though, there seems to be one who is satisfied. One such is Doris Fletcher, the coordinator for the Washington office of the state of Texas.

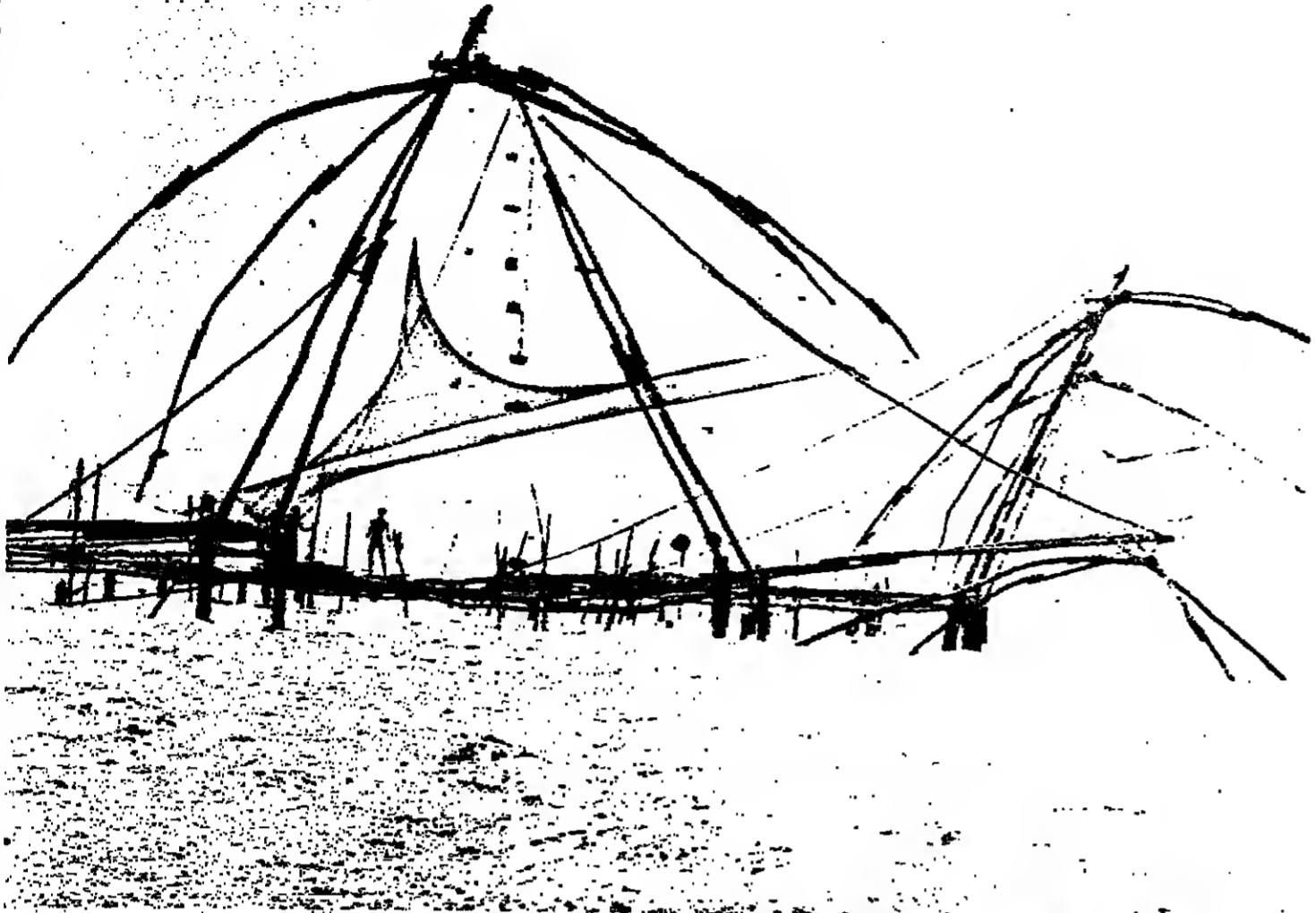
"I attended Blackwell (in 1960 and 1961) when it was one of the few schools in Washington accredited to teach business skills," said Fletcher, who studied business administration, shorthand and typing at the school. "I came away from Blackwell with a very good education and I've since gone back for 'brush-up' courses."

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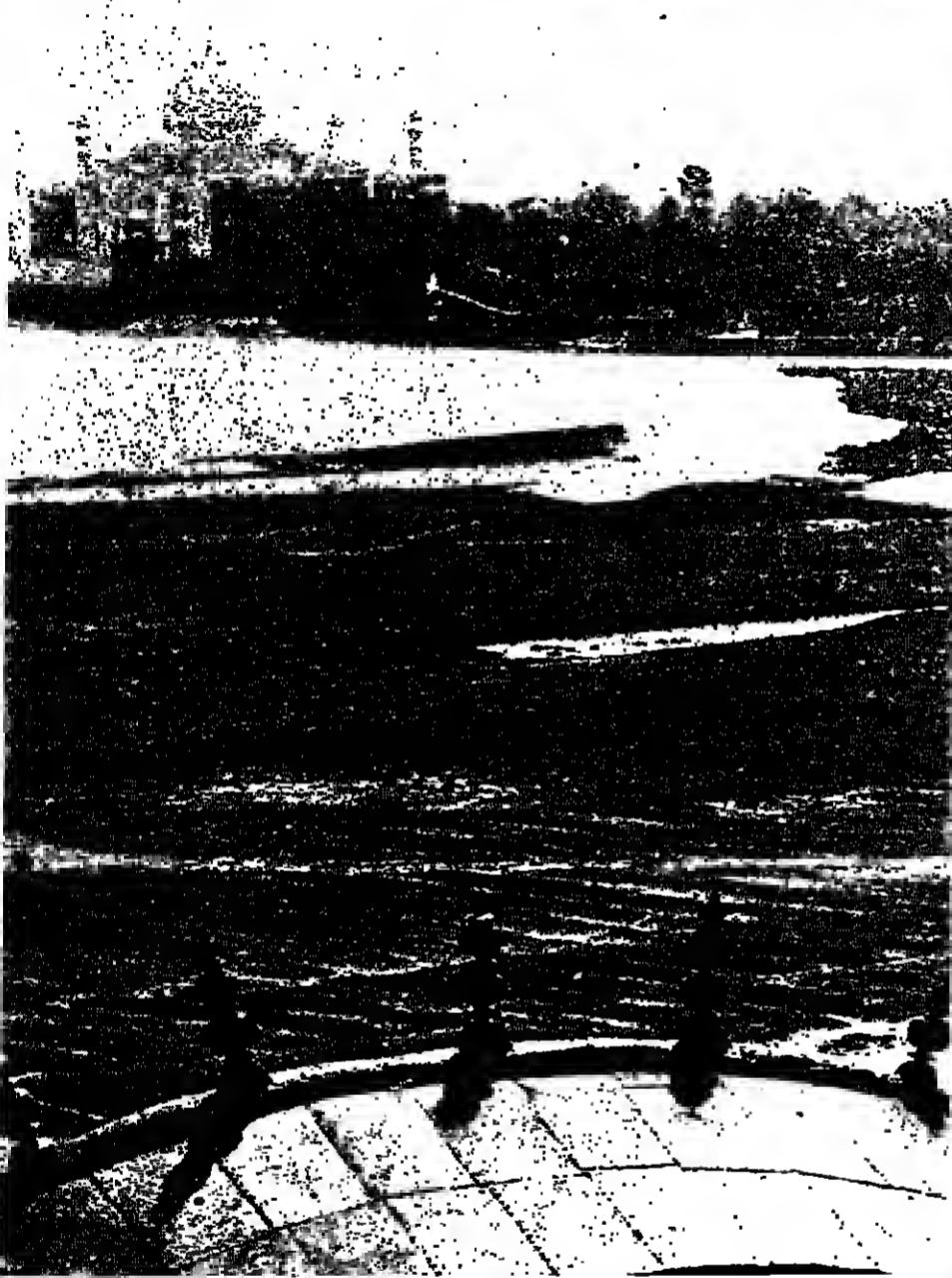
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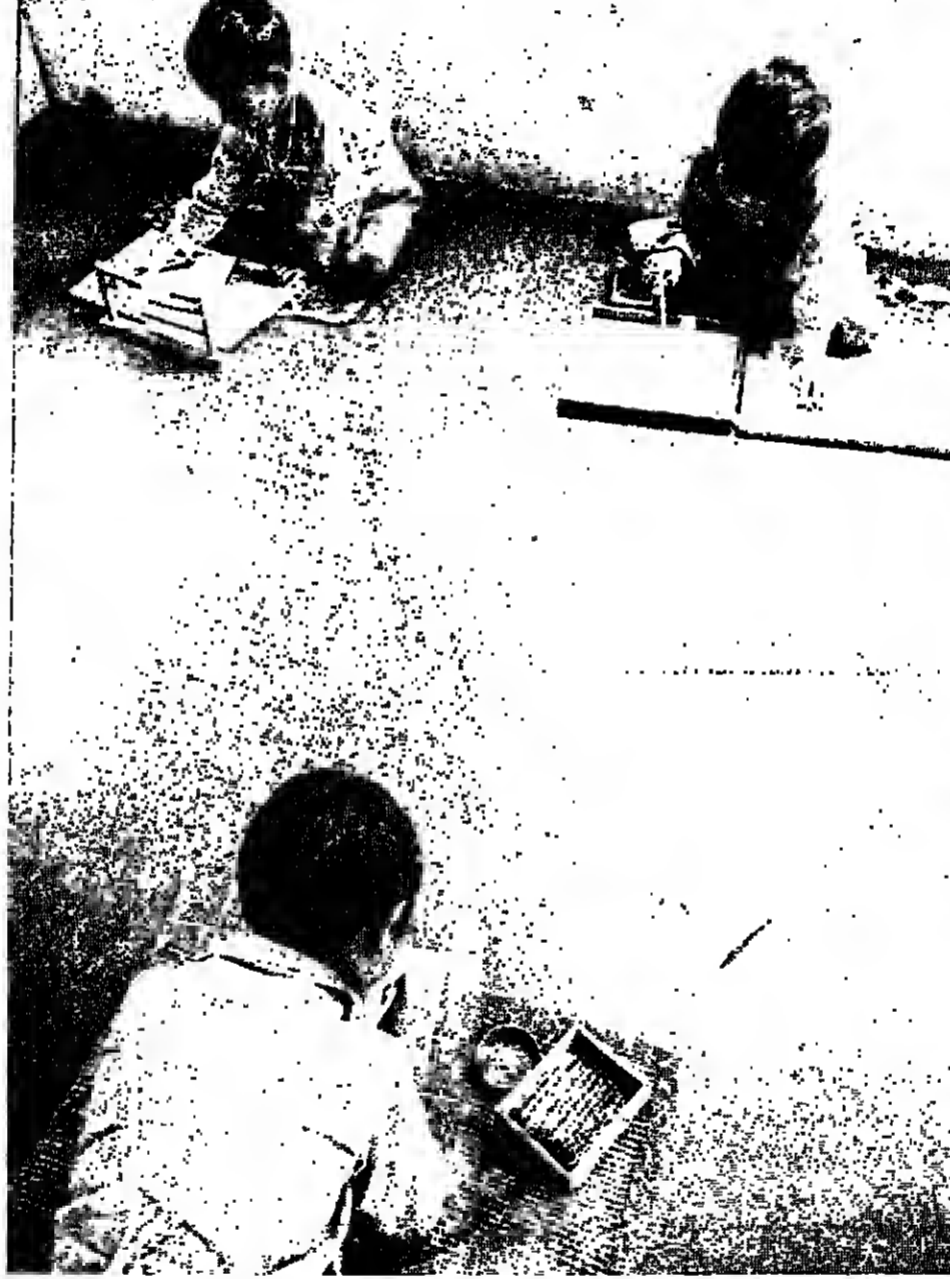
ORISSA: fishing nets suspended from stilts in the sea



AJMER: a group of Muslims near the mosque



TAJ MAHAL: seen from the fort in Agra



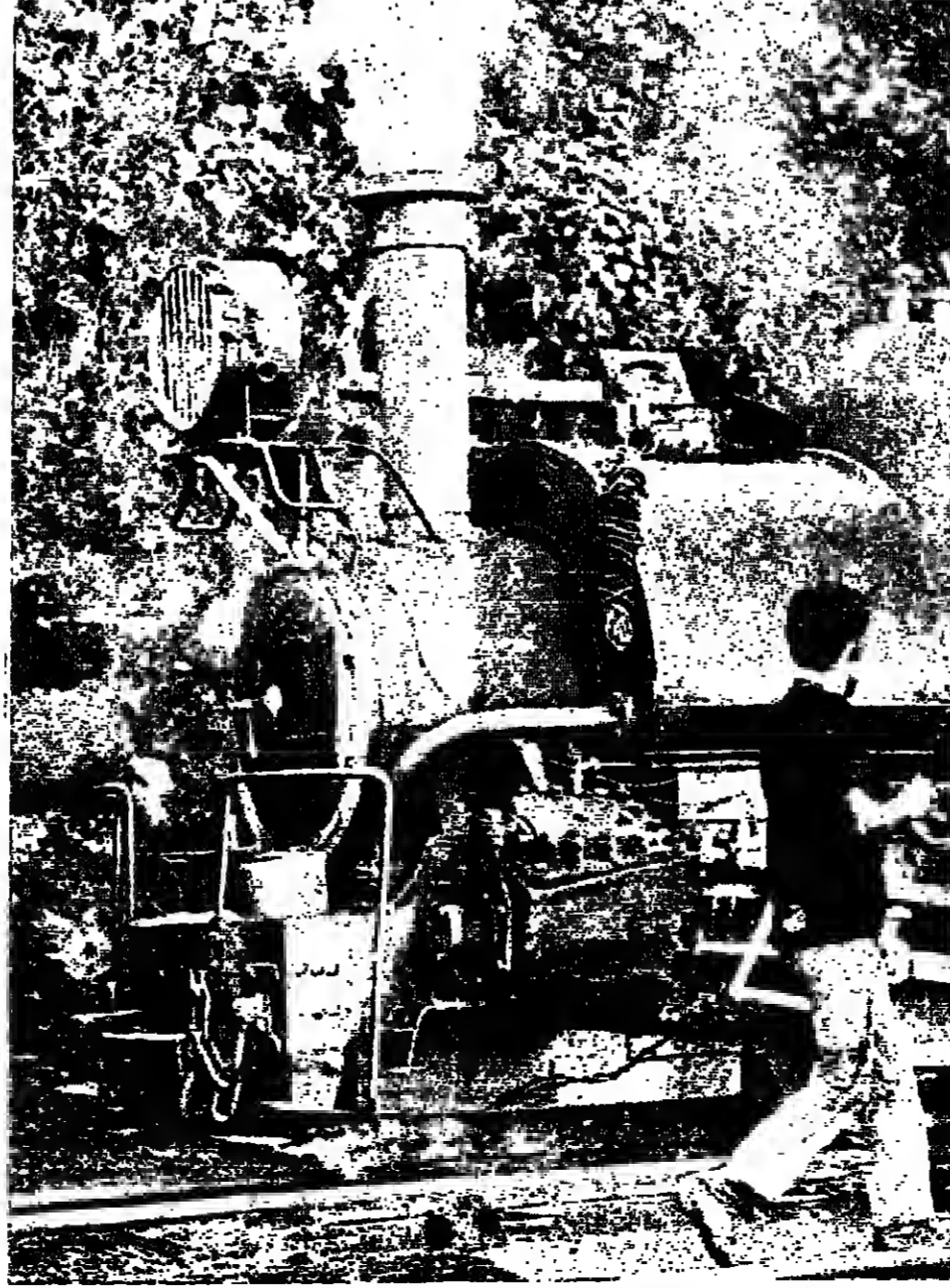
DARJEELING: children at the Montessori kindergarten



HARDWARE: a wise man



AURANGABAD: a group of Congress party members



MUSEUM PIECE: this antique engine still pulls a train



COW: a sight common to all parts of India

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BEETLE BAILEY

GOOFING OFF AGAIN, BEETLE?!
AW, HAVE A HEART, SARGE

I JUST SAT DOWN FOR A SECOND

BLONDE

YOU SURE KEEP A LOT OF STUFF ON YOUR MAKE-UP TABLE

CREAMS, EYE SHADOWS, LIPSTICKS, POWDERS, ROUGES, MAKE-UP BASE

WELL, FOR A WOMAN, HER MAKE-UP TABLE IS LIKE A GARAGE

IT'S WHERE SHE PARKS HER FACE AT NIGHT

...THE FIRST ANT OF THE NEW YEAR!... MY REPUTATION IS AT STAKE....

ZOT

GOT HIM!

I'M NUMBER ONE!

ANDY CAPP

IT'S A PITY YOU CAN'T FIND SOMETHIN' BETTER TO DO!

LIKE WHAT, FOR INSTANCE?

LIKE MENDIN' THAT BACK FENCE OF UNBLOCKIN' THE KITCHEN SINK!

THAT'S BETTER?

MERBE I SHOULD START AGAIN

MAGAR

HAGAR! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WALTZING!

I AM WALTZING!

SMALL SOCIETY

I HOPE THAT THIS YEAR OUR ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED WILL BE THE U.S. ARMY -

WIZARD

IT'S AWFUL!

...WHEN I JUMP MY HAIR WON'T BOUNCE!

I WOULDN'T WORRY

WHY NOT? SNIFF

EVERYTHING ELSE DOES

DENNIS the MENACE

ONLY CHILD HE MAY BE... LONELY HE'S NOT!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

How to Go From Here to There

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠K53
♥Q1086432
♦J104
♣—

EAST
♠AJ62
♥7
♦—
♣AQ10653

SOUTH
♠974
♥AKJ5
♦AK98
♣82

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead — seven of clubs.

There is nothing at all thrilling about making a contract that's easy to make regardless of how the opponents' cards are divided. The real thrill in bridge comes when declarer is faced with a situation where the contract seems hopeless because the missing cards are stacked against him and he nevertheless finds a way to make the contract.

Let's assume declarer ruffs the club lead in dummy, plays a trump to the ace, cashes the ace of diamonds, ruffs another club, and then finesses the jack of diamonds. West wins, shifts to the queen of spades, and South

Declarer should discard a diamond from dummy on the opening club lead! This play has everything to gain and nothing to lose. In the actual case, East wins the club with the ace but is helpless. Let's say he returns a diamond. South wins with the ace, cashes the ace of trumps and king of diamonds, and next plays the eight of diamonds.

If West follows low, declarer discards a spade from dummy, not worried whether East wins the trick or not. In either case, South is certain to make the contract.

If West covers the eight of diamonds with the queen, South ruffs in dummy and later discards a spade from dummy on the established nine of diamonds. Either way, South is sure to make at least ten tricks.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Consult with advisers and partners on investment matters. Make the most of small beginnings. Encourage others to be positive.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
A good day to mend fences and to be friends with others. New Year merriment should be shared with a loved one. Enjoy togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You'll enjoy being of assistance to loved ones. Those around you should be the happy recipients of your affection.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Home entertainments and creative work projects are sources of happiness. You'll enjoy getting ready for company.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Home should be the center of activity now. Keep in touch with distant relatives via letter or phone. Enjoy family outings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You'll enjoy visiting others. Gadding about should keep you happily occupied. Detailed work and creative projects favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Shopping trips are rewarding. Take advantage of nearby sales. Don't get depressed late in the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Buy yourself something nice. Pay attention to personal appearance. In the evening, you may wish time for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A friend may lay some troubles on your shoulders. Overall, the accent is on self-analysis and personal projects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A social get-together could lead to a romantic encounter. In the p.m., know when to stop when it comes to talks about career matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Community involvement finds you in a helping mood. A sense of compassion marks your mood. Someone gives unwelcome advice later.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Travel has business overtones. Higher-ups are kindly disposed to you now. You may receive a compliment. Enjoy being yourself.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

42 Seton or 1 Barge
5 American soprano
10 Robust
11 George Eliot novel
13 Questionable
15 Gaslight was one
16 Kick oneself over
17 Sun. talk
18 Of a Peruvian culture,
20 Pater
21 Ducked
22 "Them" insects
23 Famous chipmunk
25 Charo's ex
27 Word with pigeon
28 Little Nathaniel
29 Kidder's "Superman" role
30 Mountain nymph
33 Bar member (abbr.)
34 Sioux
35 Confronted
37 I can't believe it
40 Lands (lat.)
41 On naval maneuvers

DOWN

43 Plant
1 Popular comic strip
2 Italian tourist site
3 New York city
4 Old English "w"
5 In the area
6 Fashion
7 I love (It.)
8 Able to excite
9 Canadian province
12 Quiescent term
14 Indoctrinate
19 Rebuke
20 Chef's term
23 After all this time!
24 Despises
25 Calif. city
26 Billiard term
28 Hold on a minute!
31 Divert
32 Sultanate
36 Word of comparison
38 Prefix with cycle
39 Lammox

Yesterday's Answer

10 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

ZDK DAA CBL XLMUEWO DEW
RSUML XLMUEWO SDQU SDFFM
EUOO, FUDTU DEW ACQU ME
EMEURUE UMVSRK-CEU. — RSU

TLKFRJBCRUO FLCWBTUE
Yesterday's Cryptquote: REMEMBER THIS: THE SMALLER THE DRINK TONIGHT, THE SMALLER THE HEAD TOMORROW.—EDITOR'S ADVICE

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arab news CALENDAR

DHAHRAN TV

4:31 Children's Show
5:22 All Star Soccer Safety Film
5:49 Cheers
7:14 Little House on the prairie
7:56 Last Resort
8:22 Channel 3 feature

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THURSDAY

Afternoon Transmissions

1:00 Opening
1:01 Holy Quran
1:05 Goss of Guidance
1:10 This Week's Landmark
1:20 Top of the Pop
1:30 Jazz Music
2:09 On Islam
2:30 Song Six
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Islam The Divine Truth
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:30 Closures

Evening Transmissions

8:00 Opening
8:01 Holy Quran
8:05 Goss of Guidance
8:10 Light Music
8:15 The Evening Show
8:45 Eve and Her World
10:08 Music
10:18 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Music Worldwide
11:00 World Classics
11:15 Afro-American Theme
11:45 On Islam
12:00 Symphony Concert
12:30 Music
12:45 A Rendezvous with Drama
01:00 Closures

BBC

Morning Transmissions

8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Opera Size
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmissions

1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Cuzos
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newswest
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newswest
6:15 Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writers

6:30 Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newswest
9:30 Farming World
10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:39 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
12:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

PHARMACIES

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THURSDAY

Morning
Frequencies: 1760, 1765, 1770 (KHZ)
Wavelengths: 16.94, 16.91, 16.92 (meters)
7:45 Religious Program
8:00 News
8:10 International Music
8:15 Pakistan in One
8:30 Commentary
9:00 NEWS
9:03 Pakistan's Progress Path
9:23 Folk Music

Evening
Frequencies: 1770, 1785, 1795 (KHZ)
Wavelengths: 16.94, 16.96, 16.97 (meters)
4:30 Religious Program
4:46 Cinema (Devotional Music)
5:15 Drama — "Yousif Bin Taha"
5:45 Film Music
6:00 NEWS
6:15 Press Review
6:20 Commentary

NEW YEAR'S
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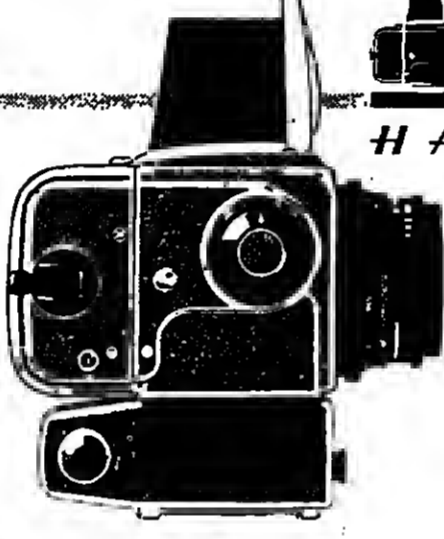
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U.S. reply may end hostage deadlock

TEHRAN, Dec. 31 (AP) — Iran looked to the Algerian government Wednesday for a way out of the hostage deadlock, but reports from Tehran indicated the crisis was far from over and that the Soviet Union might be responsible.

Iran's main hostage negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, indicated Tuesday his government would accept a U.S. counterproposal on Iran's demand for \$24 billion if it "contains a kind of guarantee acceptable to the Algerian government."

The Algerian intermediaries were leaving Washington for Algiers Wednesday with the U.S. answer, and one U.S. official said it could end the 424-day-old crisis for the 52 captives "if the Iranians are willing and able to do so."

Iranian diplomat to defy eviction

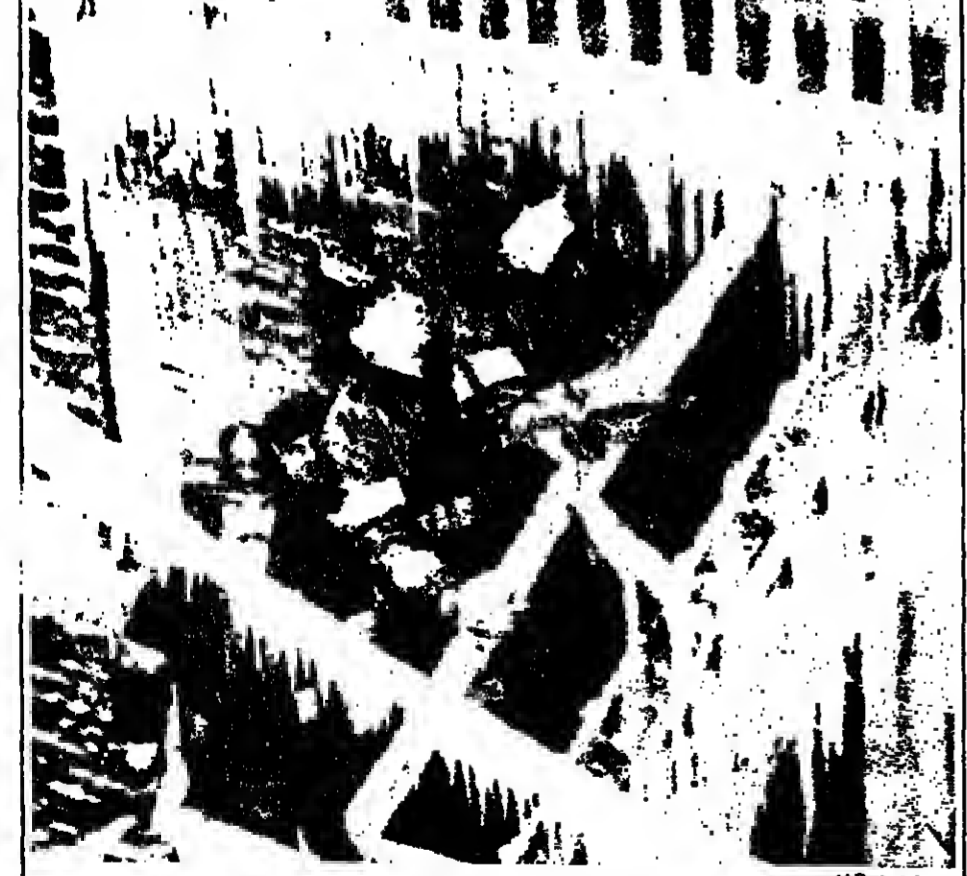
HONG KONG, Dec. 31 (R) — Iranian consul Muhammad Hossein Saedi said Wednesday he and his staff will stay on at their consular office here despite notices to quit when their seven-year lease expires at midnight.

Nor will they move when the building is renamed Bank of America tower next year. The bank bought 15 floors of the 40-story block earlier this year and will have offices above and below the one-room consulate and its staff of three Iranians.

"This is nothing to do with the bank of America as such," Saedi said. "We have enough troubles with the Americans as it is without adding to them with this. But it is too difficult to find suitable new premises, especially after spending (\$20,000 U.S.) on a security system for our office."

He said the consulate had been served notice to leave a few months ago and given no option to stay on even at increased rent, which is at present \$3,500 a month for 100 square meters.

"We shall continue to send our monthly rent check, which I am sure the landlords will have no hesitation in accepting, and continue to hope they will change their minds and discuss our staying on as tenants," Saedi said.



ANICITY TIME: New York firemen climb an ice-covered fire escape Saturday outside an apartment building which was the scene of a five-alarm blaze. The sub-zero temperatures in combination with water being sprayed created thousands of icicles from every horizontal surface.

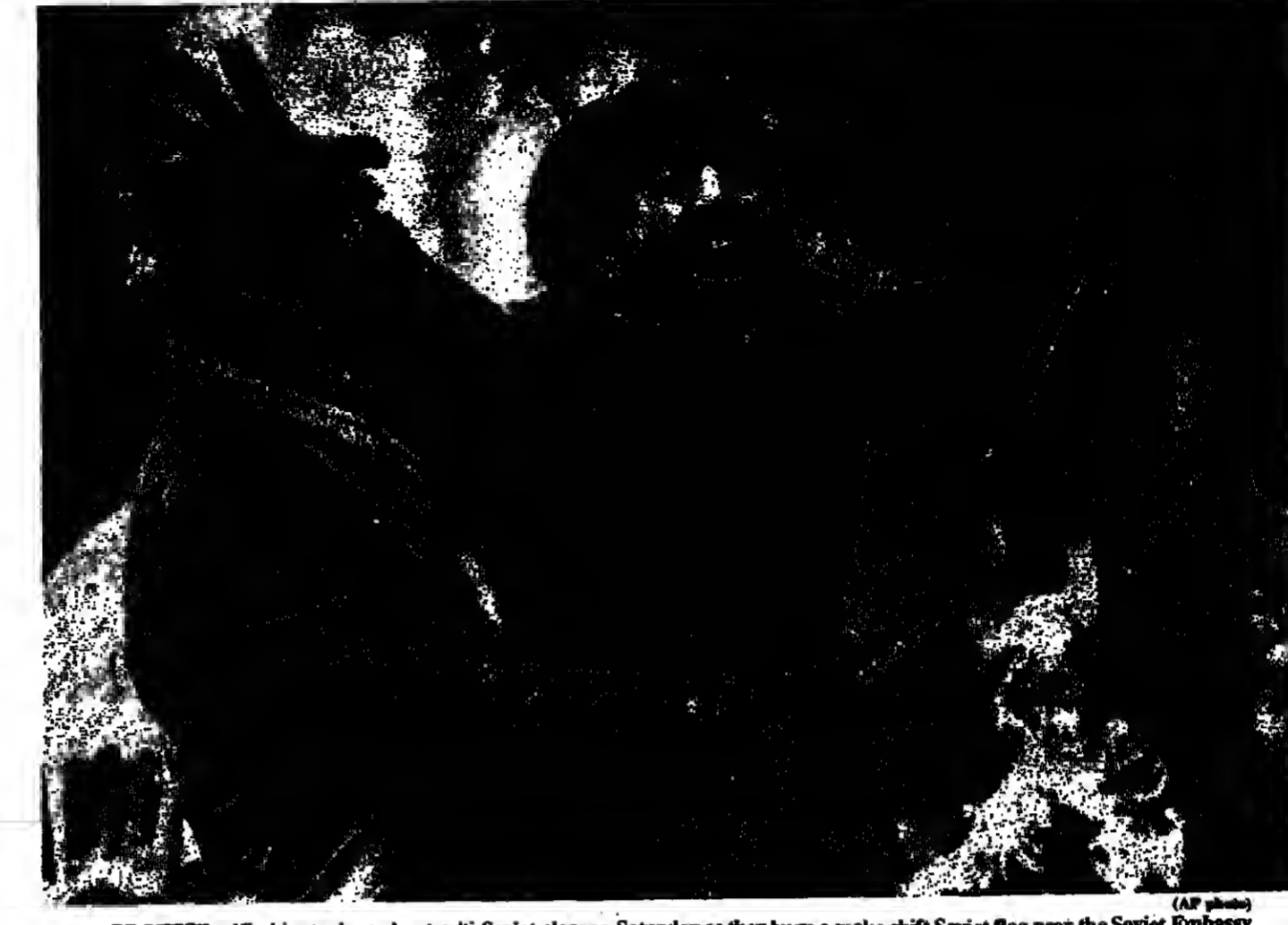
Kania reaffirms support of workers

WARSAW, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Polish leader Stanislaw Kania warned the independent trade unions against an "ideological break" when he visited their base on the Baltic coast Tuesday, the Polish news agency PAP reported Wednesday.

However, he also reaffirmed the "unanimous constructive attitude of the party and the authorities" towards the unions, in a speech to party workers at the Baltic communist shipyard in Gdynia, PAP said.

Kania, first secretary of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party, stressed the determination of the party to "develop socialist democracy" through "stimulating social activity" and "strengthening the sense of responsibility."

He recalled the importance of Poland's ties with the Soviet Union and "the socialist community, guarantor of national security," PAP added.



PROTEST: Washingtonians chant anti-Soviet slogans Saturday as they burn a make-shift Soviet flag near the Soviet Embassy during a protest over Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Soviets losing control

Afghan resistance seen growing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (WP) — When Soviet troops poured into Kabul a year ago, most observers thought the Afghan nationalist resistance would collapse in the face of a modern army.

Instead, according to Western diplomats and neutral observers who have traveled recently through that rugged land, the resistance is flourishing.

The Red Army has 85,000 crack troops in Afghanistan, and the puppet government of Babrak Karmal in place. Yet those troops now have less control over the major cities and roads than they did a year ago.

While it is hard to accurately gauge the progress of the fighting in Afghanistan since the country is off limits to Western journalists, information reaching Washington and New Delhi (a primary listening post for events in Afghanistan) from a variety of sources indicates that government forces can

travel on key highways only under heavy military escort, while insurgents, move openly through major cities, including the capital of Kabul.

"The Russians have discovered that the Afghans are not Czechs," said one diplomat, referring to the way Soviet forces were able to crush the 1968 rebellion in Prague.

Very few people believed last year that it was possible for the insurgents to hold out against the Soviets for more than six months, said one close Washington observer of events in Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion.

Those who did were considered hopelessly romantic, and accused of placing too much faith in the traditional Afghan hatred of invaders, which gave the people of Afghanistan the will to force the stronger British Army into bloody retreat from Kabul in the mid-1800s. "But the British didn't have any tanks," said one diplomat.

Gold static

Dollar registers strong finish

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP) — The dollar was ending a good year in Europe on a positive note Wednesday, moving higher against key currencies. Against the Japanese yen, however, it fell to a 21-month low.

Thanks to high U.S. interest rates, the dollar rose an average 13 per cent against most European currencies in 1980.

Gold, which had a boom in an austere year, was little changed from Tuesday's levels in quiet trading. London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$589.50 a troy ounce, up from \$587.50 late Tuesday. That compares with \$567.50 at the start of 1980, only a 4-per cent gain for the year.

In Zurich, gold was trading at a median \$587.50 an ounce, up one dollar. It was worth \$635 on the first day's trading of 1980. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$591.22, up \$1.16.

Gold had finished at \$588 up \$3.50, in late New York trading Tuesday. It was in New York last Jan. 21 that gold hit its all-time peak \$875 an ounce in trading, closing at \$850.

Silver, which touched a peak \$49 an ounce

that month, was quoted in London Wednesday at \$15.55 an ounce, down from \$15.70, Tuesday.

The bullion boom had been caused by Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Iranian hostage crisis, increased oil prices and recession. The bubble burst when none of these events blew up into world confrontations and when investors diversified, particularly into dollar deposits thanks to record interest rates in the Carter administration's efforts to curb inflation.

The only important currencies to defy the dollar's strength were the British pound sterling, buoyed by North Sea oil, and the Japanese yen. The yen closed the year Wednesday 15 per cent higher than a year ago at 293.60 yen to the dollar. This compares with 205.40 yen Tuesday.

It was the dollar's lowest mark against the yen since March 1979, although still above the all-time low 176.075 yen hit on Oct. 31, 1978.

The yen's strength is attributed to Japan's strong economy with a slowing inflation rate and improving trade balance. Analysts forecast the yen will appreciate further in 1981.

Bali monkey temple rich in legend

DENPASAR, Indonesia, Dec. 31 (AP) — Monkeys scamper about an ancient temple and nibble the largest of human visitors in Bukit Sari, where, according to legend, their ancestors slew the villainous giant Rawana.

Bukit Sari — the monkey forest — is a restful enclave about two hours down the road from Bali's provincial capital of Denpasar. Hundreds of spry monkeys live among the towering trees.

The forest is in a region known as Sanghe where, according to Hindu legend, a monkey general killed Rawana. The Hindu people of Bali regard the forest as sacred.

According to the Hindu epic, the Ramayana, Rawana could only be killed by suffocation. The monkey general, Hanuman, devised a plan to kill Rawana by pressing him between two halves of the holy mountain of Mahameru — a destruction between the earth and air.

When the white monkey general took Mahameru, part of the mountain fell to the earth in Sanghe, along with some of his monkey armies. Legend says the monkeys stayed there until this very day.

For many years no one has been permitted to chop wood in the sacred monkey forest,

but people come to visit, bringing bags of peanuts for the monkeys.

The Balinese say that among the chattering monkeys there is a king, who takes first choice of the handouts. The king controls part of the rain forest while another rival monkey king and his followers control another sector.

A moss-covered temple in the heart of the woods is a familiar hideout for the nimble inhabitants. A powerful king built a temple, called the "Pura Bukit Sari," in the 17th century to thank the gods for good harvests and bountiful food.

The area is covered with nutmeg trees, planted long ago.

Tropical ills studied

GENEVA, Dec. 31 (AFP) — The World Health Organization (WHO) has allotted \$30 million for a research and training program on tropical diseases, it was announced here Monday.

The diseases to be tackled are malaria, schistosomiasis, filariasis (mainly river blindness) and lymphatic filariasis, trypanosomiasis (mainly African sleeping sickness), leishmaniasis and leprosy.

Good Morning

By Ibad Khazen

A story shared by many cultures, here in the French version. A lady of noble birth returns from a long journey. She is met at the station by her butler, whose first words are: "All's well, milady!" She asks him why he hasn't brought her favorite dog along. "Oh, the dog is dead, milady. Otherwise all's well." "How did the dog die?" she asks. "Oh, in the fire that consumed your mansions. Beyond that, all's well." "Fire. How did the fire start?" "It started as your husband committed suicide by burning himself. But, beside all this, all's well." "My husband committed suicide? Whatever made him do it?" "You lost all your fortune in the bourse, that's why he killed himself. Beyond that, all's well."

The story would do to describe the situation of the Arab citizen returning home after a long stay abroad. He would rush from the airplane to the arms of his friends. "And how are things in the dear homeland?" he would ask. "Never worry," they would say, "all's well." "And how was the recent summit in Amman?" "Magnificent," they would answer, "only Algeria did not attend. But beyond that, all is well." "And why did Algeria not attend?" "Because Syria, Libya and the PLO did not want to go. But apart from that all's well."

"Ah well," the traveler, slightly abashed now, would say, "what matters in such conferences as Egypt. Egypt is the cornerstone." "Yes," they say, "only this time Egypt wasn't even asked. Apart from this, all's well." "Egypt wasn't asked? But Egypt was the mother and father of all Arab summits." "So it was, so it was, but recently it has recognized Israel and is 'normalizing' relations with the enemy. But that doesn't mean that all's well."

One could go on and on of course, but you get the drift.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Indian protester killed by police

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (R) — One person was killed when police fired on demonstrating farmers in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu Wednesday, the Press Trust of India reported.

Police fired when the farmers, demanding higher crop prices, hurled stones at them and defiled busts in the South Arcot district of the state.

PTI quoted police as saying at least five attempts by demonstrators to damage bridges in two other districts were prevented.

More than 6,000 people have been arrested in Tamil Nadu since the farmers' protest began on Dec. 23.

A similar protest in the western state of Maharashtra ended last Monday with the arrest of 10,000 people including some of the country's top opposition leaders.

Arms budget up

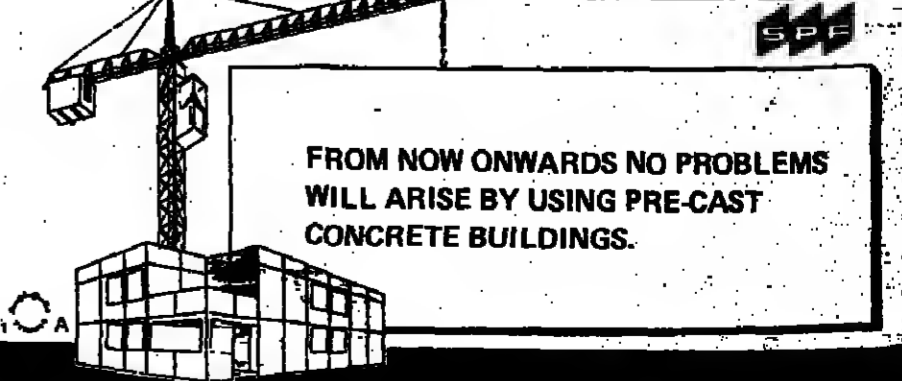
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (R) — Worldwide military spending totaled some \$480 billion in 1978 and was continuing to rise, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has reported.

The amount was 1.7 per cent higher than the 1977 figure and brought the total spent on military activity since World War II to nearly \$10 trillion, the agency said in its annual summary of military expenditure.

According to U.S. Central Intelligence Agency estimates, the Soviet Union spent some \$154 billion more than any other country, on its military in 1978, while the United States spent \$108.4 billion.

But the percentage of worldwide income (gross national product) spent on the military fell slightly from 5.7 per cent to 5.4 per cent, the lowest figure in 15 years, the study said. This was because spending on health and education were rising faster than military spending worldwide, it said.

It said the share of worldwide gross national product spent on public health in 1978 was three per cent, on public education 5.3 per cent and on the military 5.4 per cent. A decade earlier those figures were 2.1, 4.8 and 6.7 per cent.



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